

d) REMARKS

This is a division of parent Application No. 09/722,988. Claim 14 was restricted out and cancelled as non-elected from the parent application. This application is directed to the subject matter of the non-elected process claim.

The subject matter of former claim 14 has been presented in new claims 15 and 16. Claim 15 includes the subject matter of original claims 1 and 14, and claim 16 includes the subject matter of original claim 14 and the claim 15 added to the parent application.

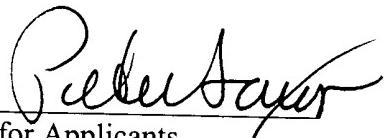
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are found in the filewrapper of the parent application. U.S. Patent No. 6,526,910 issued from Application No. 09/727440 cited in the parent application

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating such information has been considered.

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